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COUNTY RELEASES GREENWAY INITIATIVE ANALYSIS

The County of Santa Cruz has released an analysis of a proposed voter initiative to prioritize an interim trail use along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line in unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County.

On February 1, 2022, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors requested a report on the proposed initiative by Santa Cruz County Greenway Initiative to be prepared pursuant to Elections Code section 9111. The report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the March 8, 2022 meeting, and is posted on the County homepage at <https://www.santacruzcounty.us/>.

The report covers eight topic areas: fiscal impact; effect on the County's general plan, select specific plans, and consistency with local and State codes; land use and housing impacts; infrastructure funding; business and employment recruitment and retention; uses of undeveloped parcels; impact on agricultural lands, open space, traffic congestion, existing business districts, and developed areas designated for revitalization; and the impact on the Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan and the pending Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update.

During Tuesday's meeting, the Board is required to either adopt the Greenway Initiative as a County ordinance or order that the Initiative be placed on the next available ballot for consideration by voters. County staff will recommend that the Board place the Initiative on the June 7, 2022 ballot.